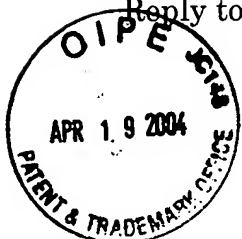


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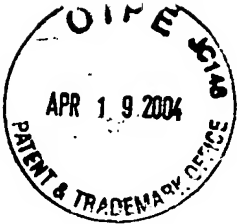
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Prior to issuance of the allowed application more fully identified above,
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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins
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See attached Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a). Per your recent phone message citing MPEP 714.6, you indicated that Examiners have the authority to enter amendments after allowance, which merely cancel claims. Such action is requested.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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